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DISTRICT NO.14

Historic American Buildings Survey
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62 Bartow St., N.W., Atlanta, Georgia

JERUSALEM CHURCH
RINCON (Ebenezer,) Effingham
County
Georgia

Owner: Not given.

Date of Erection: 1767.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: One; square belfry.

Materials of Construction: Brick; wood belfry.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL NOTES:

Jerusalem Church is sometimes called
"Lutheran Meeting House" or "Salzburgher Church". It was built
on a site formerly occupied by a temporary structure.

The tablet erected by the Colonial
Dames states the Salzburger Lutherans landed at Savannah, Georgia,
March 12, 1734, and built the church in 1767-69.

The Lutherans were Germans who came
from Salzburg in the Tyrol because of religious persecution. During
the Revolutionary War the structure became a "mass of filth" and
"sadly dilapidated". By 1800 the town of Ebenezer was one of the
"dead towns" of Georgia.

The church is built of English bond,
with a square wood cupola on the front part of the roof and a hip
at the rear. Two rows of windows, one above the other, light the
interior. Knight states that a "swan copied from the coat-of-arms
of Martin Luther glistens from the belfry". In the front gable
is a clock, probably not original.

Source of historical information:
Knight, L.L., Georgia's Landmarks, Memorials and Legends, vol.2,
page 179 et seq. For more information see Jones, C.C.,Jr., The
Dead Towns of Georgia.

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